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In re patent application of:

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Preliminary Amendment

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 5 of the specification, please delete the paragraph that starts on line 2, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

Carbon blacks modified in a polar manner (e.g., with $-\text{SO}_3^-$ groups)
can be better dispersed in non-polar systems, with precedence water.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made.